

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 35 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 16 to 35 have been rejoined.

Claims 1 to 35 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as being allegedly unpatentable over claims 1 to 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,885,025 for the reasons set forth on pages 3 to 6 of the Office Action.

In response, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), overcoming the rejection. The submission of the Terminal Disclaimer does not constitute an admission on the part of the Applicants regarding the validity of any part of the double patenting rejection. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection double patenting rejection of claims 1 to 35 over claims 1 to 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,885,025.

Applicants thus submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, an early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree with Applicants' position, a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues prior to the issuance of a further Office Action, and to expedite the allowance of the application.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this Response. Should any fees be due, however, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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